

# RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

## Bowling Committee

September 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Wilson at 9:00am in the Lakeview Board Room.

**PRESENT:** Chair Sue Wilson and Committee Members Bruce Lamb, Sharon McCauley, Darrel Larson, Don Meyer, Fred Jones, Mike Williams, Jim Powell, Stella Van Ness

**RCSC STAFF:** RCSC Director of Bowling Mike Dirmyer

**GUESTS:** RCSC Board Director Kat Fimmel, Cardholders Rube Edwards, Jean Totten

**ABSENT:** Co-Chair Darla Akins

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING SUMMARY:** The Summary from the May 5, 2022 meeting was approved as presented.

**Mike Dirmyer , RCSC Director of Bowling:** The bowling department had a busy summer. Pinsetter preventative maintenance was completed on all 40 lanes during the month of August. The new Ikon Walker Lane machine was installed at Lakeview. The house shot has been tested throughout the summer and is believed to be set for the season. New bowling pins were installed in the month of May and are broken in and ready for the fall season. PM was completed on the oiling machine at Bell Lanes, this included a new buffer brush and parts to ensure the consistent lane pattern is put out on the lanes. The “Do not Cross the Foul Line” stickers were replaced at both centers. This was completed to keep the centers looking fresh and remind the bowlers that it is dangerous down the lane.

The Fall league season has been well planned and prepared for. There are currently 210 new bowler sign ups. Short season leagues are becoming a focus at the bowling centers. A new Wednesday No-Tap League will be starting this month with 64 brand new league bowlers, bowling 15 weeks. This league will end, take the holidays off, and start back up in January. Much less commitment for the bowlers. All other leagues are coming back equal or stronger than last year. At Lakeview, Monday night was 12 teams last year, looking like 18 this year. Wednesday night is going from 20 to 24 teams. Friday afternoon went from 10 to 18 teams. Bell Lanes is completely full every night of the week including a double shift of leagues three nights. Look for the centers to continue to promote short season leagues, including a snowbird league coming this season.

The league officer meeting was held in August. Pre/Post Bowling was discussed. The centers are very busy so I made it known it will be almost impossible to get a lane in the evening during the week. We also discussed the use of the foul line during warm up, some leagues have decided to keep the foul lights off during warm up. We also discussed changing the term practice to warm up to describe the time the lanes go on before scoring competition begins.

In the liquor department, we replaced the beer cooler at Bell Lanes. We have added 805 beer and switched the Seltzer's to Truly's.

Tournaments this summer. We added a second squad to the monthly summer No-Tap tournament series at Bell Lanes. This took the tournament from a max of 80 entries to an average of 130 entries per tournament all summer. We hosted some test the house shot sweepers at Lakeview trying to get the house condition nailed down.

Metro Phoenix USBC had their annual meeting at Bell this summer. I had a great conversation with the association president and received a commitment from them to ensure we receive awards in a timely manner this season.

The copy machine was replaced at Bell this summer. For anyone who saw the printing that was being done late in the season can understand why it needed to be replaced.

League recap sheets have changed for the season. The 3-part copy recap sheets are becoming harder to find and more expensive when you find them. The dot matrix printer is impossible to find parts for. With this in mind, we have gone to a single page copy on a regular sheet of paper. For league secretaries, we print a league recap for their records. For individual bowlers that want a copy of the recap sheet, the staff has been prepped to make a copy for the bowler, all they have to do is ask.

Bowl with the Director continued throughout the summer with the event in August hosting 30 members. This program has directly led to new league bowlers.

Angry Birds bowling continued Saturday evenings. This new open bowling program has driven over \$7k in additional revenue for the year.

Bowling has been as busy as ever. In July, league lines bowled were the most since we began keeping track by month in 1999. Open games bowled was the most since 2005.

**Bruce Lamb USBC League Director:** Bruce reported on changes being accomplished on USBC merit awards. The 2022-2023 tournament schedule is complete, and this is the 80<sup>th</sup> year for sponsored BVL funding at Bell and Lakeview Centers. Last year, over \$6,100.00 was raised in Sun City. All upcoming USBC activities are posted at both Bell and Lakeview Lanes.

**Roger Beebe, Sun City Bowling Association President:** Report was given by Don Meyer in Rogers absence: Don reported that no business was conducted over the summer months and the first meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022. A report including officers for 2022-2023 will be given at the October meeting. All scheduled tournaments are posted at both centers.

The committee thanked Director of Bowling, Mike Dirmyer for all his hard work and accomplishments in 2022.

**Old Business:** Remodel of Lakeview has been given to the RCSC Board for consideration.

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 9:00am - Lakeview Board Room.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrel Larson, Secretary